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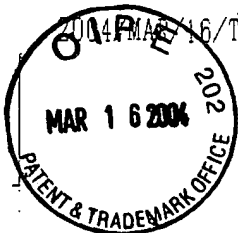
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(37 CFR 1.63)**



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STM006USPT02

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Popejoy et al

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Application Number

10/686,951

Filing Date

October 30, 2003

Art Unit

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I hereby declare that:

Each inventor's residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to their name.

I believe the inventor(s) named below to be the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**FRICTION SHEET FEEDING MACHINE WITH REVERSIBLE DRIVEN RETARD ROLLER**

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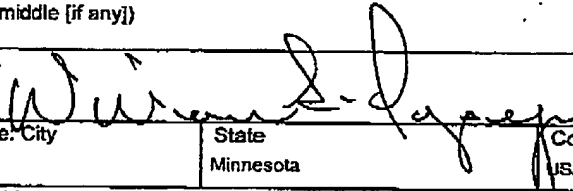
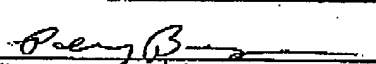
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